

For The Record	
Bible Study.....	57
Worship A.M.....	71
Worship P.M.....	45
Wednesday.....	61
Contribution.....	\$1129
Budget.....	\$1860

Sermons	
A.M.	Perishing People
P.M.	Maintaining a Christian Attitude in the Workplace

Mark Your Calendar	
Aug. 28	M.E.P. Team #3 meets
Sept. 11	Guest Speaker
Sept. 12	Ladies' Bible Class
Sept. 17	Ladies' Day @ West GA church of Christ
Nov. 13	Stewardship Sunday David Decker, Speaker

September Assignments	
Announcements.....	Kiley Fordham
Communion.....	Wes Benefield
Wed. Singing.....	Gerald Scales Clean Building
Eddie Anderson.....	Connie Dedmon

Plan of Salvation

Hear - (Rom. 10:14) "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Believe - (John 8:24) "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

Repent - (Luke 13:3) "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess - (Rom. 10:9) "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Be Baptized - (Acts 2:38) "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Be Faithful - (Rev. 2:10) "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY
Bible Study 10:00
Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 7:00 pm

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*"Rescue the perishing,
care for the dying,*

*Snatch them in pity from sin
and the grave;*

*Weep o'er the erring one, lift
up the fallen,*

*Tell them of Jesus, the mighty
to save."*

Fannie J. Crosby, 1869

They Went Out

The scriptures have much to say about faithfulness and unfaithfulness or falling away. John wrote, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us" (I John 2:19). In Luke chapter fifteen, the parable of the prodigal son teaches us not only the possibility of leaving the Father, but also responsibilities of bringing home.

One of my teachers at the Nashville School of Preaching, Eugene Peden, had a response to the question, "How are you doing?" He would reply, "Are you nosy or concerned?" Sometimes it seems we are more nosy than concerned when it comes to unfaithful members of the church. Could it be that we have more interest in why they left instead of being concerned that they are away from God and lost. Some in the church want elders to become private investigators, gathering information that can be used against them, as if we should be dishing out punishment to the prodigals.

Concerning why people leave the Lord, many excuses are given. Perhaps the most widely used attempt to justify one's departure is, "Some one hurt my feelings or offended me." There is no justification for a congregation of God's people to be mean spirited or unfriendly. However, it is not a reason to take it out on the Lord. The Lord didn't hurt you, why take your revenge on the only person who really loves you.

It is almost impossible to know why people leave the Lord. We only know what we are told. The church is not friendly, I don't get anything out of worship, or someone offended me, etc. Has it ever occurred to us that people leave the Lord because they do not want to serve Him? They want to live worldly lives and the church gets in the way of their pleasure. "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia" (II Tim. 4:10). Jesus spoke about those who lived for pleasure, "And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection" (Luke 8:14).

Why do people not want to be faithful? We may never know. We know it is easier to blame someone else than to admit our sin. Blaming someone else for your unfaithfulness may make you feel better but it will not keep you out of the eternal fire of Hell.

We need to be concerned for all lost souls. Those who have not obeyed the gospel are lost as well those who have departed from God and the church. Paul said, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

Bill Dedmon August 28, 2011



Welcome to our visitors. You are our special guests. We trust the worship service today will be uplifting and in harmony with God's word.

Wednesday Night, August 31

Singing - Jerome Thompson

Devotional - Bill Dedmon

Announcements - Bill Dedmon

Summer Series

Theme: *Great Questions of the Bible*

August 31 "What Shall I Do Then With Jesus Which Is Called Christ?"

Keith Skinner

The adult and senior classes will resume their regular studies on September 7. The adult class will be studying the book of II Samuel. The lesson will be on chapter 16.



M.E.P. Team # 3 will meet on Sunday evening, August 28, following the evening service. See Sherry Scales for more information.



Ladies' Bible Class will meet Monday, September 12, at 7:00 pm in the library. The study is in Alan Webster's book **Seven**

Things a Loving God Hates.



Ladies Day

Ladies' Day at West GA church of Christ on Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 until 11:30 with lunch to follow.

Nicci Leonard will present the lesson on the theme "If The Shoe Fits"



Sandra Harrington's infant niece, **Briella McBurnett; Angela Edwards; Josh Buchanan; Ron McElveen**, friend of Cathy Lovvorn; **Corey Whitley; Justin Glaze**, Jordan's brother; **Lois Kyle**, member at Woodstock; **Melinda Fendley**, sister of Sandra Harrington; **Lowell Benefield; Anna Harris and family; Eva Johnson; Edie Anderson; Bill Parson**, father of Kathy Skinner; **Jimmie Lou and Michele Bonner**, Gary Anderson's sister and niece; **Bill and Billie Nolen.**

Continue to remember in prayer:

Cassidy Estes; Keith and Kathy Skinner; Cindy Carnes; Wayne and Sandra Harlin; Aiden and Molly Astin; Ida Mae Holloway; Brenda Green; Hope Hickman; Terry Benefield; Joe McCollough; Susie Newman; Tommy Young; Melinda Harlin; Jason Fordham; Linda Barnett; Bobbie Brown; Robert and Marthanell Ballard; Lisa Robinson; Jesse Bracknell; Felicity Withrow; unfaithful members.

Serving in our military:

Toby Hill, Timothy Hand, Keith Freeman.



We received a letter (email) from brother McKinley Pate (student at MSOP) informing us of his move to the Memphis area and the beginning of school. We are supporting brother Pate as he attends the Memphis School of Preaching. The note is posted on the bulletin board.